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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 15, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the above-identified application includes three distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the first species was identified as including Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. The second species consisted of the subject matter in Fig. 4, while the third species was identified as including the subject matter shown in Figs. 7 and 8.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the present application currently included no claims directed to generic subject matter. However, upon reviewing the claims of the present application, it is the applicant's belief that claim 11 is currently a generic claim that covers the three species identified by the Examiner. Thus, the applicants hereby traverse the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner.

Although the applicant disagrees with the Examiner's assertion, the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Upon reviewing the claims, it is believed that claims 1-9 and 11-14 are directed to this

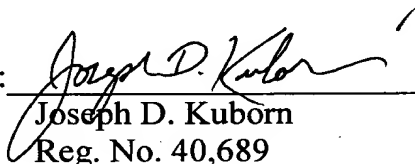
species of the invention. Therefore, the applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-9 and 11-14 in the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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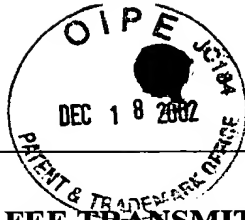
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